

Senate Bill 154

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Dugan of the 30th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 45-16-65 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Coroner's Training Council, so as to provide for hearing complaints from outside parties regarding coroners; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 45-16-65 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Coroner's Training Council, is revised as follows:

"45-16-65.

The council is vested with the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:

(1) To make all the necessary rules and regulations to carry out this article;

(2) To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of every department, agency, or instrumentality of the state government or its political subdivisions in furtherance of the purposes of this article;

(3) To approve schools and to prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at approved schools;

(4) To issue a certificate of certification to any coroner satisfactorily complying with an approved training program;

(5) To withdraw or suspend the certification of any coroner who has performed or is performing the duties of a coroner in violation of this chapter;

(6) To do any and all things necessary or convenient to enable it wholly and adequately to perform its duties and to exercise the power granted to it; ~~and~~

(7) To review complaints from outside parties and make recommendations concerning the retention, suspension, or removal of a coroner from his or her position; and

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